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Mr. Dave Lazarides
Director of Processing and Information
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
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Re: ICC Order No. T97-0050 (Dec. 17, 1997)
Supplemental Order (March 7, 2001)
Supplemental Order (June 19, 2002)
Supplemental Order (December 15, 2004)
City of Alton
Cpl. Chris Belchik Memorial Expressway
(Formerly Known as Indiana Avenue
Extension)
Progress Report

Dear Mr. Lazarides:

The above referenced project consists of the extension of Indiana Avenue from East Broadway to Illinois Route 143 including the construction of an overpass bridge crossing the railroad tracks of the Norfolk Southern Corporation. The purpose of this letter is to report on the progress of the project.

- Design approval was received from IDOT on May 24, 2002.
- The Phase I construction contract was on IDOT's November 8, 2002 letting.
- Phase I construction started in the Spring of 2003.
- Phase I construction was substantially completed September of 2004. Work completed in Phase I included initial clearing, grading, the majority of approach embankments, adjustment of AmerenUE overhead electric lines and adjustment of the Laclede Steel Company well pump electric service and water line.

The current status and projected schedule for project completion is as follows:

The project originally was planned to be completed with a Phase II contract; however, the City of Alton began investigating the possibility of relocating the Union Pacific Railroad tracks located south of Broadway. Due to the possibility of relocating the U.P. Railroad tracks, the scope of the Phase II construction project was reduced to only include some additional embankment, a box culvert and the overpass structure over the Norfolk Southern Corporation railroad tracks. A Phase III construction project was then planned to complete the final paving and intersection improvements after the alignment of the U.P. Railroad tracks was finalized.

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The Phase II construction contract was on IDOT's August 5, 2005 letting and includes the construction of the bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad along with some embankment work and a box culvert.

- On October 11, 2006, the City of Alton passed an Ordinance that changed the name of this street from Indiana Avenue to Cpl. Chris Belchik Memorial Expressway.
- Phase II construction was completed on May 2, 2007.

The City of Alton has determined that the Union Pacific Railroad tracks will remain in their present alignment located south of Broadway; therefore, the Phase III construction project may proceed.

- Improvement of the existing at-grade railroad crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad was ordered by the ICC on April 18, 2007 by ICC Order T07-0008.
- The Phase III construction contract is on the IDOT June 15, 2007 letting.
- Phase III consists of the completion of the overpass roadway from Broadway to Route 143, including the construction of the main line pavement, medians, curb and gutters, storm sewers, widening and resurfacing of Broadway, intersection improvements and the improvement of the at-grade Union Pacific Railroad crossing.
- Phase III construction is expected to begin in August, 2007 and is expected to be completed on or before December 31, 2008.

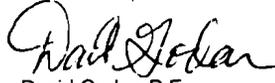
The current Supplemental Order dated December 15, 2004 granted an extension of time to June 30, 2007 for the completion of this project. The completion of the project was delayed while the City investigated the possibility of relocating the existing Union Pacific Railroad, which, if successful, would have resulted in the elimination of an at-grade crossing. During this period, the City acted in good faith by proceeding with the interim Phase II project to keep the project progressing.

The City of Alton intends to file a Supplemental Petition to request a time extension to December 31, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (618) 462-9755 or e-mail at dgodar@smsengineers.com.

Sincerely,

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